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POLAND: Political Uncertainties

The regime is intent on removing some of the trappings of martial law this month, but apparently remains undecided on the timing and on what specific actions to take.
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The Politburo has scheduled meetings early next week [REDACTED] to discuss internal security, the economy, and the state of the party before lifting martial law. Party and government officials have told [REDACTED] the regime may wait until the middle of next year to dissolve the Military Council of National Salvation and, possibly, to create for Premier Jaruzelski a new state presidency with expanded powers. [REDACTED]

Meanwhile, authorities in three provinces have agreed to release more internees. A government spokesman has told [REDACTED] that a partial amnesty for those who violated martial law restrictions could follow shortly after the end of martial law. [REDACTED]

In addition, special military operations groups have returned to the countryside. In the past, these groups have been used to make assessments of local political, economic, and security conditions. [REDACTED]

Comment: The regime would prefer to dissolve the Military Council as soon as possible to get maximum political mileage out of its actions on ending martial law, but it now may be having second thoughts about moving too quickly. The dispatch of military teams to the countryside also suggests apprehension in Warsaw. [REDACTED]

Jaruzelski probably wants reassurance about the political and economic situations, particularly at the local level, before lifting restrictions. His past actions indicate he will be slow and deliberate in moving toward normalcy. [REDACTED]

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